



# Nebraska Weather and Crops

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**Agricultural Summary:** For the week ending June 25, 2006, wheat harvest made a strong start despite precipitation which fell over most of the state, according to USDA National Agricultural Statistic Service, Nebraska Field Office. Even with the precipitation, overall statewide soil moisture supplies declined from the previous week. Moderating temperatures reduced crop moisture demands.

**Weather Summary:** Most of the state received less than an inch of precipitation last week with amounts of one inch or more common across the Panhandle and portions of the southern third of the state. Temperatures were mostly below normal with highs generally in the low to mid 90's.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:  
Nebraska, Week Ending June 25, 2006**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Topsoil</b>				
Very Short	20	21	1	15
Short	37	25	18	25
Adequate	43	52	76	57
Surplus	0	2	5	3
<b>Subsoil</b>				
Very Short	33	23	5	21
Short	46	43	16	24
Adequate	21	34	78	54
Surplus	0	0	1	1
<b>Days Suitable</b>	5.3	5.7	5.4	5.6

**Field Crops Report:** : Wheat conditions rated 25 percent very poor, 25 poor, 33 fair, 15 good, and 2 excellent. This continues well below last year. Ninety-three percent of the wheat was turning color, ahead of the 77 last year and 76 average. Forty-three percent of the wheat was ripe ahead of 15 percent last year and 18 average. Harvest was well underway with 12 percent of the acres for harvest cut. This is about five days ahead of the 4 percent last year and average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 24 fair, 50 good, and 21 excellent. This is below last year conditions. Irrigated fields rated 78 percent good or excellent while dryland fields rated 62, both below year ago levels.

Soybean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 29 fair, 55 good, and 11 excellent, which is below last year. Four percent of the fields had bloomed, ahead of last year at 3 and average at 1.

Alfalfa second cutting was 25 percent complete ahead of 15 percent last year and 10 average. Alfalfa conditions rated

5 percent very poor, 15 poor, 40 fair, 35 good, and 5 excellent. This rating is below last year.

Oat conditions declined and rated 16 percent very poor, 24 poor, 38 fair, 21 good and 1 excellent, well below last year. Oats headed was at 94 percent. This is ahead of last year's 90 and the average of 88.

Sorghum was 94 percent emerged near last year and average at 95. Sorghum conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 7 poor, 30 fair, 53 good, and 7 excellent, which is below last year.

Dry beans emerged was at 86 percent, ahead of the 80 last year and average.

Proso millet planted was 62 percent complete. This is ahead of last year at 57 but behind average at 74.

**Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending June 25, 2006**

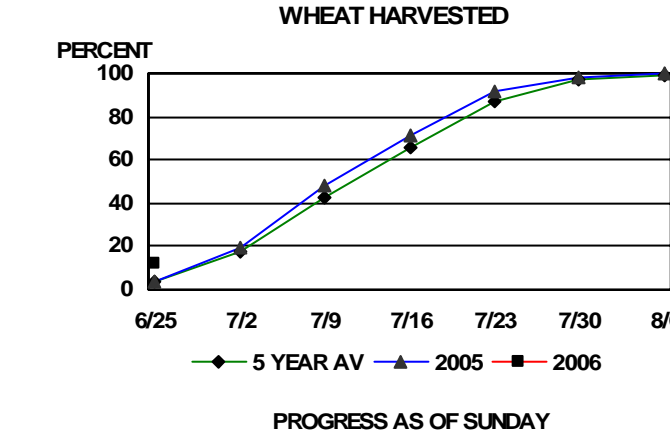
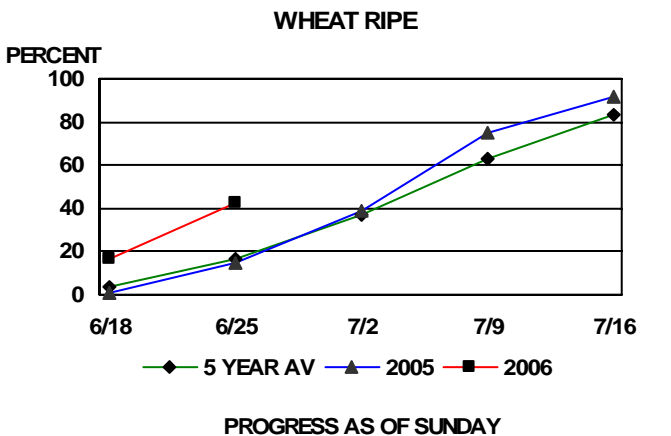
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	25	9	15	10
Dry Beans Emerged	86	77	80	80
Oats Headed	94	85	90	88
Proso Millet Planted	62	46	57	74
Sorghum Emerged	94	81	95	95
Soybeans Blooming	4	0	3	1
Wheat Turning Color	93	90	77	76
Wheat Ripe	43	17	15	18
Wheat Harvested	12	0	4	4

**Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending June 25, 2006**

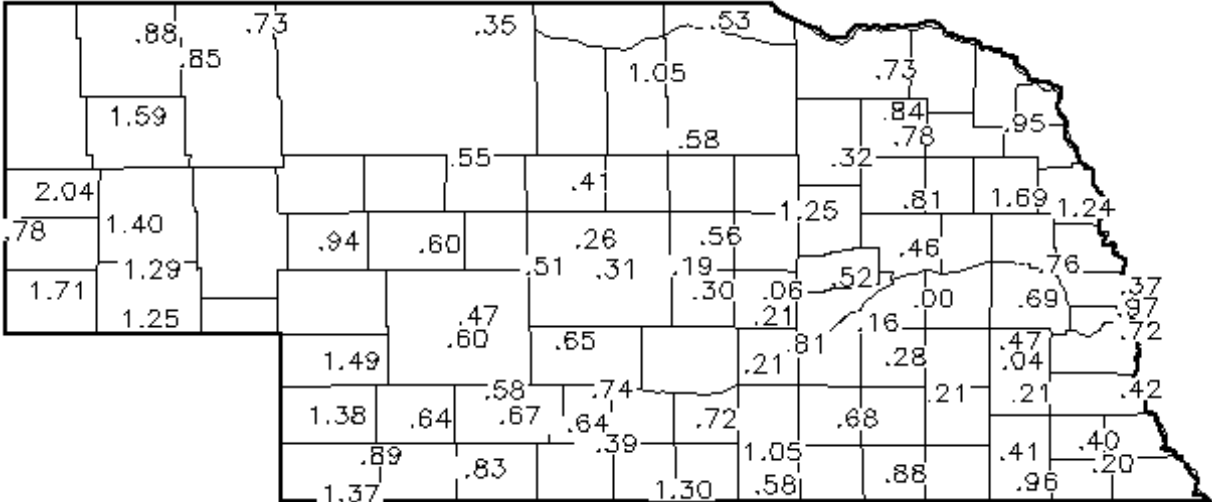
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	5	15	40	35	5
Corn	2	3	24	50	21
Oats	16	24	38	21	1
Sorghum	3	7	30	53	7
Soybeans	1	4	29	55	11
Wheat	25	25	33	15	2

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions showed improvement and rated 15 percent very poor, 29 poor, 38 fair, 17 good, and 1 excellent.

*This release is based on data from FSA county directors, extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: [http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts\\_cur.htm](http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm).*



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. June 25, 2006



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – June 25, 2006

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	1.33	.65	.82	.35	.51	.91	.80	.73
Total since April 1	4.71	6.56	7.63	5.42	7.91	5.60	7.17	9.48
Normal since April 1	7.20	8.40	9.95	9.34	10.38	8.14	9.04	10.39
Total as % of normal	66%	78%	77%	57%	76%	68%	79%	91%

Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska,  
Week Ending Sunday, June 25, 2006

Station		Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15		
		Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal
		High	Low					
NW	Alliance	89	47	67	-2	120	958	822
	Scottsbluff	90	53	69	0	127	1036	820
	Sidney	89	50	67	-3	114	967	853
NC	Ainsworth	86	51	68	-4	126	1007	954
	Arthur	85	47	67	-5	119	997	925
	O'Neill	85	52	68	-4	129	1002	973
NE	Concord	88	55	70	-3	139	1047	1012
	Elgin	88	55	70	-3	140	1040	995
	West Point	91	57	72	-2	153	1100	1062
C	Grand Island	92	55	72	0	154	1145	981
	Lexington	92	54	72	0	149	1165	959
	Ord	90	51	70	-2	140	1085	972
EC	Central City	92	55	72	-1	153	1140	1001
	Lincoln	97	60	76	+1	172	1202	1094
	Mead	95	57	74	-1	161	1166	1090
SW	Champion	88	51	69	-3	128	1106	932
	Dickens	90	50	69	-3	128	1119	943
	McCook	92	53	72	0	150	1145	952
SC	Minden	92	56	72	-1	150	1160	968
	Red Cloud	101	57	75	+2	165	1177	993
	Smithfield	93	56	71	-1	143	1144	962
SE	Beatrice	97	56	75	0	166	1172	1094
	Clay Center	98	55	73	0	153	1126	992
	Nemaha	95	60	76	+1	175	1236	1109

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center and Nebraska State Climate Office